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REPORT NO.

TOPIC Jocksdorf Airfield

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EVALUATION

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DATE OF CONTENT

16 and 25 July 1953

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17 August 1953

REFERENCES

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

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REMARKS

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1. On 16 July 1953, a few trees were cut in the clearing at Jocksdorf airfield and uprooting was being done only along the northeastern half of the clearing. Wooden light poles, approximately 30 to 40 meters apart, were being erected on both longitudinal sides of the clearing.

2. The east end of the west-southwest-east-northeast runway, including the cleared approach lane, was located about 150 meters south of triangular point 93.6 and west of the Rohrteich (pond). The western end was located approximately between the pond south of Jocksdorf and triangular point 101.2. The clearing had a total width of about 150 meters and the runway had a width of about 50 meters. This measurement was paced off. The runway had been excavated to a depth of about 1.2 meters and then had been filled with crushed stones and two layers of concrete. Concreting work had been completed on a strip about 1 km long.

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The previously reported narrow-gauge field railway conveyed the gravel to the concrete mixing installation with five large mixers and was located approximately in the middle of the runway. The mixed concrete was hauled on lorries to the various construction sites. Next to the mixing plant was a cement storage area, about 70 meters long. Four dredgers were employed in the eastern section of the runway. Farther to the east, uprooting work was being done with three tractors. The earth dug-out by dredgers was raised on both sides of the runway to a height of 8 meters.

3. A camp in which 26 temporary buildings were counted was located south of the main entrance gate in the southern section of Jocksdorf. In the southern section of the field, about 200 meters south of the runway, there was a fenced-in camp of 10 large tents with four watchtowers at the corners. The two northern towers were apparently occupied by VP sentries. 600 convicts, allegedly from Cottbus, were quartered there.

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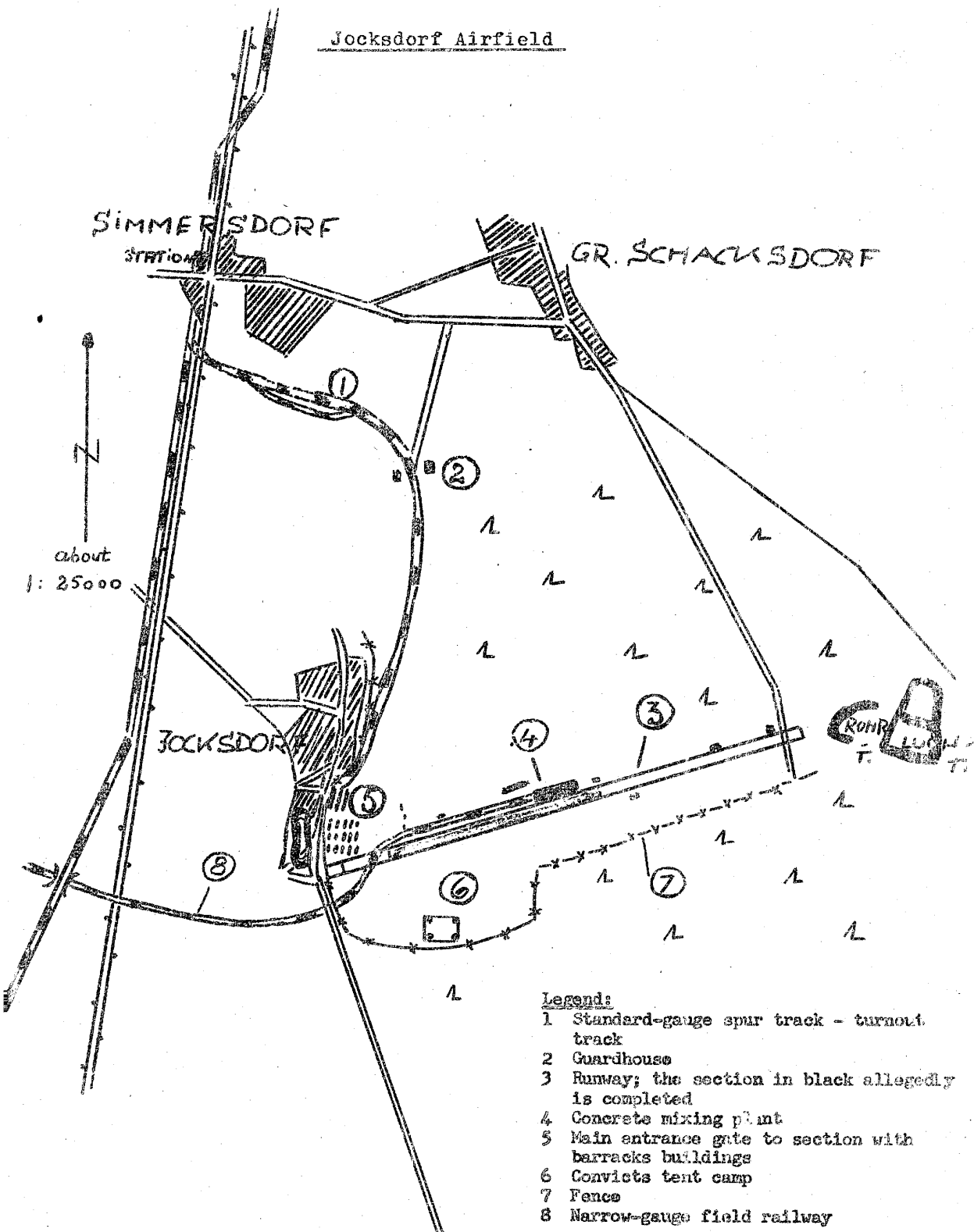
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4. A barbed-wire fence fitted on concrete poles was completed along the western edge of the field and along the southern edge as far as 200 meters southeast of the convicts camp. Farther to the east, the convicts were setting the concrete poles.
5. A standard-gauge, single-track railroad line branched off from the main line about 200 meters south of Simmersdorf railroad station and extended as far as immediately north of the main entrance to the field, in the southern section of Jocksdorf. In its northern section the spur track had a turn-out track, about 500 meters long, which could be lighted at night.
6. Two temporary buildings, of which the western one was completed as a skeleton structure, were located in the northern section of the field southeast of Simmersdorf railroad station. A civilian sentry wearing an overcoat with a red arm band was posted there. Additional civilian sentries were observed at the main entrance to the field.

25X1 Comment. the present report states the course and width of the runway at Jocksdorf airfield. The length of the runway is believed to be 2,200 to 2,500 meters. The extensions at the two ends of the runway are cleared as approach lanes. For location of triangulation points mentioned in the present report, see Map GSGS, sheet 4353. For layout sketch of airfield, see Annex.

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